FINANCIAL HARDSHIP
POLICY

Some families cannot afford the cost of Basketball BC program fees. Basketball BC will assist families by:

- providing funding information
- approving an alternate monthly installment payment plan
- approving a waiver of a portion of program fees (for extreme financial hardship)

Funding sources:

- **KidSport**
  - KidSport BC is only to be used for Provincial Team applicants OR if there is no Local Chapter available in your City/Town
  - KidSport allows 1 application per athlete per calendar year – do not include KidSport if you have already received your funding for the year
- **Canadian Tire Jumpstart**
- **Athletics for Kids (A4K)**
- Municipal Services – check your municipal website for possible funding grants
- School, service clubs, fundraising

For financial assistance, whether the family is seeking outside funding, an alternate payment plan, a partial waiver of fees, or a combination of these options, the participant’s family is required to complete a Basketball BC Financial Hardship Application for approval by Basketball BC.

If outside funding is required, the family is responsible for sending in the funding application(s) to the individual funding agencies listed above. Basketball BC does not need to know if the outside agency funding is approved – this can take up to 6 weeks. **However, a copy of these applications must also be sent to Basketball BC with the completed Basketball BC Financial Hardship Application for our records to confirm the outside funding application(s) and for follow up with the agency if required.**

To be considered for a waiver of a portion of the program fee, the family must show that they have applied for funding from as many of the sources listed above as required to cover the program fee. Please note that there may be eligibility rules – please do not apply if you do not meet the criteria.

If an alternate monthly installment payment plan for the full payment (or the balance) of the fee is requested, the payment of the fee is required before the end of the program. Extended Installments must be by pre-authorized credit card payable at the first of the month.

Approval of the Basketball BC Financial Hardship Application will be completed within a week of receipt of the application (with accompanying funding applications). Incomplete Basketball BC Hardship Applications will not be considered. Notification will be sent by email.

Once the Basketball BC Financial Hardship Application is approved, a manual registration form will be sent. The completed form is to be returned to Basketball BC so that the athlete can be registered to the program.

To request a Basketball BC Financial Hardship Application, email Sherry Sommerfeldt.

*All financial hardship applications and discussions are confidential.*